

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of the Inspector General, Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Agriculture: Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; Joyce Fleischman, Deputy Inspector General; Robert Young, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Mark Woods, Assistant Inspector General, Investigations; Walt Kowal, Director, Business Management and Procurement; and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislation and Regulatory Systems.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on the Secretary of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary; GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations. Testimony was heard from Adm. James Loy, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Cox, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Pat Mitchell, President and CEO, Public Broadcasting Service; and Kevin Klose, President and CEO, National Public Radio.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense budget request for the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Gordon R. England, Secretary; ADM Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

DOMESTIC ENTITLEMENTS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Domestic Entitlements: Meeting the Needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005.

HEALTH CARE PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled: "A Review of the Administration's FY 2006 Health Care Priorities." Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Role of Technology in Achieving a Hard Deadline for the DTV Transition." Testimony was heard from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met to consider pending Committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; WOUNDED ARMY GUARD RESERVE FORCES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported H. Res. 41, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as "National Tartan Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish-Americans to the United States.

The Committee approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "Wounded Army Guard Reserve Forces: Increasing the Capacity to Care." Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ellen Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment Health; Daniel Denning, Acting Assistant Secretary, Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1; LTG

Kevin C. Kiley, M.D., USA, Army Surgeon General; MG Charles Wilson, USA, Deputy Commander, Army Reserve Command, Philip E. Sakowitz, Jr., Deputy Director, Army Installations Management Agency; BG Raymond C. Byrne, Jr., USA, Acting State Adjutant General, Oregon; SFC John Allen, USA, B/3/20th Special Forces Group, National Guard, North Carolina; SFC Joseph Perez, USA, 72nd Military Police Company, National Guard, Nevada; CWO Officer Rodger L. Shuttleworth, USA, Chief, Reserve Component Personnel Support Services Branch, Army Human Resources Command, National Guardsman, Maryland; and MSG Daniel Forney, USA, Reserve Component Liaison, Medical Hold, Walter Reed Medical Center, Army Reservist, Pennsylvania.

CONTINUITY OF REPRESENTATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 841, Continuity of Representation Act of 2005.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR CHALLENGE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a joint hearing on the North Korean Nuclear Challenge: Is There a Way Forward? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRADEMARK DILUTION REVISION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 683, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HEALTHY FORESTS IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on GAO Five Year Update on Wildland Fire and Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management Accomplishments in Implementing the Healthy Forests Restoration Act. Testimony was heard from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Rebecca Watson, Assistant

Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NASA'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from Fred Gregory, Acting Administrator, NASA.

MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Medical Liability Reform: Stopping the Skyrocketing Price of Health Care." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Began consideration of Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2006—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Committee approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "The Capital Region's Critical Link: Ensuring Metrorail's Future As a Safe, Reliable and Affordable Transportation Option," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.